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Newsletter of the Boston Society of Architects
A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
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Jubilee™ 350 Boston

Planning for the 350th

The Boston Society of Architects through its Board of Directors has appointed a **JUBILEE 350** Committee headed by Anthony Tappe. Other members of the committee are John Clancy, Angus Crowe, Marilyn Fraser, and Todd Lee. The events will focus on the central theme and will highlight the activities of Boston architects and their contribution to the physical and cultural life of Boston.

The committee is in the process of developing a program for **JUBILEE 350**. Among the suggestions under consideration as jubilee activities to be sponsored by the BSA are:

— A symposium on the future of the city to feature invited speakers, with proceedings published by the BSA. If successful, this might become a triennial event.

— A retrospective exhibition of the Harleston Parker medal winners. This joint BSA/City of Boston annual award occupies a special place in the cultural life of Boston. Calling attention to its past winners and their buildings will focus public attention on the architectural heritage of Boston and the profession most responsible for creating the physical fabric of our city.

— A public Charette of Boston school children, led by Boston architects to develop their ideas for the Boston of the future. This program would be put on with the support and cooperation of the Boston School Department.

The BSA will offer assistance to a number of city agencies and neighborhood organizations planning exhibits by the Boston Landmarks Commission and a possible RUDAT to be sponsored by the United South End Settlement Houses.

The BSA committee is developing these and other events for **JUBILEE 350**. Membership comments and suggestions for programs are invited. Anyone interested in working with the committee is welcome and should contact Anthony Tappe or Lowell Erickson.

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Competitive Bidding on State Work

A Report by Lowell Erickson

The Secretary of Administration and Finance, Edward Hanley, has suspended the use of a fee schedule for work in the Bureau of Building Construction. A policy requiring sealed bids for public work has been instituted for Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers. The bids will be required from the three firms recommended by the Designer Selection Board.

The leadership of the MSAA and the three chapters—BSA, Central, and Western—has vigorously resisted this policy. The Designer Selection Board, chaired by David Carlson AIA of the Western Chapter, and all Dukakis appointees strongly resisted this new policy. They discussed the possibility of mass resignations but decided against this form of protest because of concern over whom Governor King would appoint to succeed them.

The DSB, in an effort to give some guidance, is including a fee recommendation they feel is fair for the work projected. A&F is not bound by this recommendation.

Peter Volpe, the President of the Massachusetts Construction Industry Council of which the BSA is a member, has written the Governor protesting this new policy. George Notter FAIA and Earl Flansburgh FAIA have agreed to join a small delegation to negotiate this issue with A&F. Representative Andrew Card, Assistant Minority Leader, and Barney Frank have deplored this move and asked that it be suspended pending the report of the Blue Ribbon Commission.

Thus far all efforts to change the policy have failed. The MSAA is setting up a committee to monitor the process and will continue to seek administrative and political relief.

Board of Registration Issues New Regulations

At its April meeting the Board of Registration of Architects revised its administrative regulations 231 C.M.R. 2.02 definitions and its current regulations, Section 1, sub-section 1.6 to provide an interpretation for the words "responsible charge" and "personal supervision." The words "responsible charge" appear in General Law, Chapter 112, Section 60F and the words "personal supervision" appear in the General Law, Chapter 112, Section 60G.e. Both these terms refer to the supervision of the preparation of designs and contract documents and the contract administration of a project by an architect. This is an area which has had a cloudy meaning for many years. The Board now establishes the following interpretation: "the words responsible charge as it appears in General Law, Chapter 112, Section 60F and personal supervision as it appears in General Law, Chapter 112, Section 60G(e) shall mean that the work is prepared by the Architect himself personally or in the office which is his normal place of business under his supervision."

News from President Clancy and the Board of Directors

Membership

New Members
Clifford Lee Custer AIA
Warren S. Daniel AIA
Richard Paul DeCoste AIA
Lawrence A. Dunbrack AIA
Helena K. Eckert AIA
Nancy Goodwin AIA
Kenneth E. Hurd AIA
Richard Arthur Jones AIA
Roger P. Lang AIA
Thomas J. Leib AIA
Geoffrey Ross LePlastrier AIA
Allen Marshall Lieb AIA
Julius Loewy AIA
Ronald Michael Margolis AIA
Robert J. McNair AIA
William E. Medinger, Jr. AIA
Richard E. Palmer AIA
William Keith Patterson AIA
Jeffry A. Pond AIA
Raj Saksena AIA
Mark Louis Schmid AIA
Robert E. Swain AIA
Marie Elizabeth Viita AIA
John G. Weigel, IV AIA
Jeremy Scott Wood AIA

New Associate Members
John M. Lassanah
Robert C. Stickles
Phillip Benjamin Warbasse

New Emeritus Members
W. Phillips Graves, Jr. AIA

New Associate Emeritus Members
John S. Bilzerian AIA
Frederick A. MacDonald AIA

Transfers to Boston
Robert M. Brandon AIA from Central Illinois Chapter
Steven M. Shuman AIA from Washington Metropolitan Chapter

Urban Design Committee Invites Mayoral Candidates To Talk

The three principal insurgent candidates for Mayor of Boston responded to invitations from the Urban Design Committee to discuss their programs and answer questions, and have met with the Committee and members of the Board. David Finnegan joined us in May, Joseph Timilty in early July, and Mel King at the end of July. Mayor White has not yet formally responded to our invitation.

Each meeting allowed time for the candidate to make basic opening remarks and questions were raised around three issues which the Committee felt particularly within its charge:

1) How should the BRA in particular, and the BHA and other city agencies be restructured to be responsive to public and professional opinion and responsive to the electorate, and is this appropriate?

2) How should development in the city proceed? Should it be actively encouraged, de-politicized, and further formalized and open to the public and professional scrutiny? Should development be further centralized or related back to the communities? and

3) What roles can professionals and professional bodies (particularly architects and the BSA) outside of the administration play, and how would the candidate respond to the Society's desire to help in the governance of the city?

Finnegan was forceful and enthusiastic about development, welcomed an increase in openness in the process, and wanted the communities as well as the downtown area to benefit. He welcomed our professional involvement with his administration as well as his campaign. He felt the BRA needed new blood and should be less political.

Timilty felt that development was quite important, spoke of the strong group of advisors he had formed, and also wanted the communities to be strengthened. His proposals, especially for restructuring the Real Estate Board, were listened to attentively.

Mel King spoke passionately and convincingly about the needs of the disenfranchised citizens of the city. While general programs were discussed, mechanisms and the workings of city government were not reached in any substance. He welcomed any help the Society or its members would give his administration and campaign.

The Society does not propose to endorse any candidate, although we think it is in the best interests of all architects as individuals to become involved in the political process. The Committee feels it important—and has made the point in its follow-up letters to the candidates—that the Society have an advisory and review role to play in the physical growth and health of Boston.

Todd Lee AIA
Chairman, Urban Design Committee

Practice Management and Professional Services Committees Merged

Carleton Richmond AIA, Commissioner of Professional Practice, has announced the merger of two Professional Practice Committees under the title Professional Practice Committee. The two committees were combined because despite careful articulation of the areas of activity assigned to each group, there was still considerable overlapping of their fields of endeavor. Domenic Valente AIA will chair the new committee with back-up provided by David Jacobson AIA, co-chairman.

The committee is assigned all phases of professional practice of architecture except that area dealt with by the Construction Industry Affairs Committee; however, it is believed that its work will be most effective if concentrated in a small number of projects selected for their value to the BSA membership. Among these are insurance, public relations, and small practice problems.

Dom Valente is eager to strengthen the committee with new members. The first fall meeting will be held Monday, September 10 at 12:00 noon in the BAC Lounge. Lunch will be provided. Those interested in joining the committee are urged to call Dom at 395-0120. It is not necessary to be an architect or a member of the BSA to become a member.

Interfaith Religious Center Julius Shulman Photo

Interfaith Forum Award To Huygens and Tappe

The Interfaith Religious Center in Columbia, Maryland, designed by Huygens and Tappe, Inc. of Boston, has cited as one of the thirteen most significant religious buildings in the U.S.A. of the past forty years at the recent convention of the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture (IFRAA) in Phoenix, Arizona.

The jury commented, "This is without question the major attempt in our forty year period to deal with interfaith spaces of worship for all men."

Huygens and Tappe received an Honor Award in 1972 for the Interfaith Religious Center from the Guild for Religious Architecture.

New Membership Becomes Available in BSA

Affiliate Membership in the Boston Society of Architects is a new opportunity for the interested public. Enthusiastically endorsed by the Board of Directors, this program will focus the natural interest in architecture existing in Boston.

The announcement which is going out to the public is enclosed with this *Chapterletter*. You are urged to pass it on to someone who might find the program attractive. Additional announcements are available in the Chapter office. If you belong to an organization you believe should be informed, call Lowell Erickson.

Urban Design Citation Program

The Boston Society of Architects, through the Urban Design Committee, invites entries for its new Urban Design Citation Program. The purpose of this program is to give recognition to outstanding examples of design that conceptually advance the quality of the urban environment.

Since many urban design undertakings are long range and developed in stages, phased projects that have reached a definitive stage of completion, and in use, will be given consideration. In exceptional cases, recognition may be given for a plan, zoning ordinance or a proposal of significance, provided it has significant public support.

Projects must be located within the Chapter area.

To encourage a wide range of entries, the materials and form of submission will be left to each entrant. The only specific requirement is a brief synopsis that outlines the problem and describes how the solution meets the stated objectives. No attempt will be made to preserve anonymity.

The selection committee will have the option to consider projects that have not been submitted and will seek out meritorious solutions.

Recognition could be given to a project of historic significance completed many years ago to emphasize its lasting value and make the public aware of its urban quality. Revitalization or restoration projects having a positive impact on the urban environment shall be considered. Preference will be given to lesser known projects, not previously recognized.

Each project will be judged on its own merit and for the success with which it directly affects the immediate environment, visually, economically and/or socially. This citation will not preclude recognition of a yet unrealized plan or ordinance.

Entries must be submitted to the Chapter office no later than October 26, 1979. Awards will be announced at a special event in the spring of 1980. Publication of the results of this program will be arranged by the BSA.

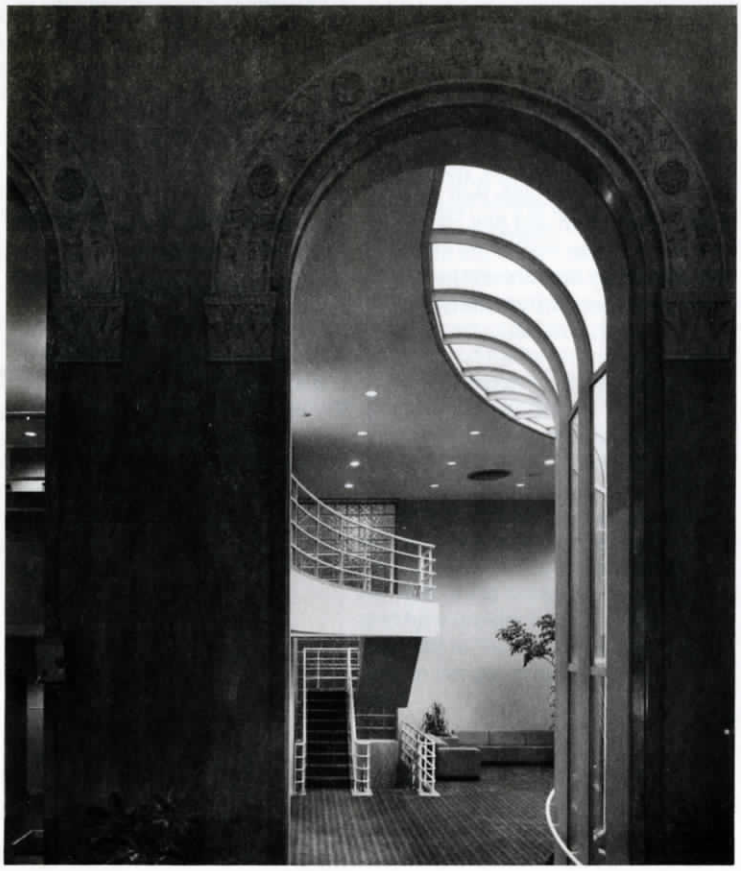
Members of the Selection Committee are:

Howard Elkus AIA, Chairman
Frank Keefe
Michael Kraus AIA
Theodore Monacelli
Robert Sturgis FAIA

The New England Regional Council/AIA Awards 1979

Durham Town Offices — Richard Bonarrigo Photo

Oak Grove Rapid Transit Station — Steve Rosenthal Photo



East Cambridge Savings Bank — Steve Rosenthal Photo

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston — Edward Jacoby Photo

Heaton Court

Clemens Kalischer Photo

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Foulds-Wilson Photo

Awards for Excellence in Architecture

Heaton Court, Stockbridge
Goody, Clancy and Associates

Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence
The Architects Design Group

Oak Grove Rapid Transit Station, Malden
Sert, Jackson and Associates

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Hugh Stubbins and Associates, Inc.

Awards for Excellence in Architecture Involving Extended Use

Durham Town Offices
John R. Benson with Beckstoffer and Associates

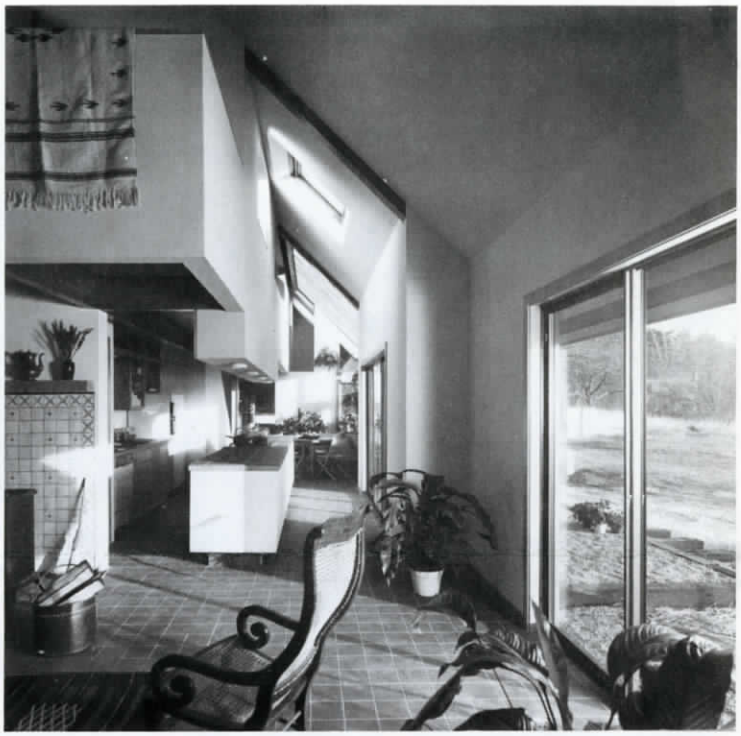
East Cambridge Savings Bank
Charles G. Hilgenhurst and Associates

The Awards will be presented at the New England Regional Council Meeting on September 9th. The presentation will take place in the Great Dome of Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

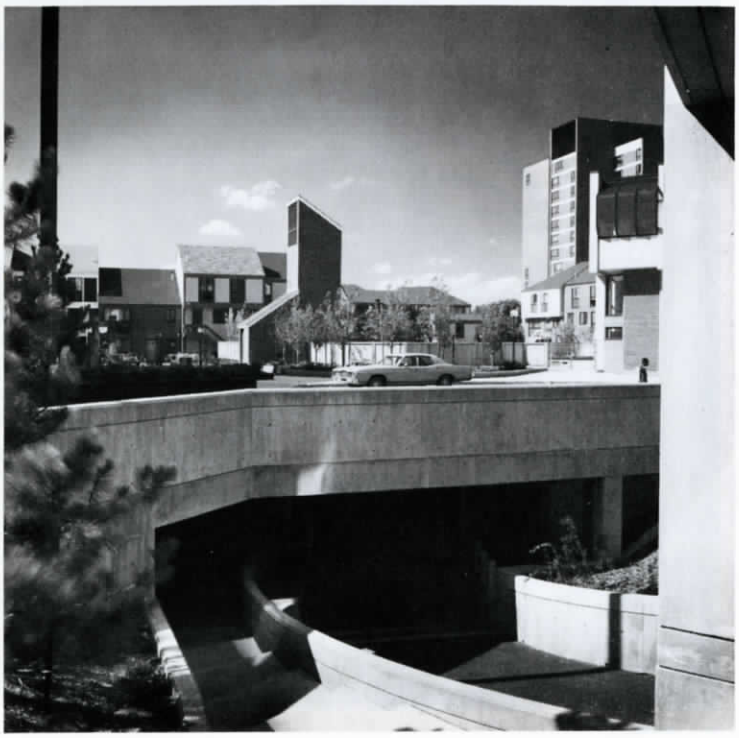
Members of the Jury were Lawrence B. Anderson FAIA, William Conklin FAIA, and Gerald M. McCue FAIA.

BSA Housing Awards 1979

Shapleigh House — Steve Rosenthal Photo



Thompson House — Steve Rosenthal Photo



Mission Park — Steve Rosenthal Photo

Stephen Palmer Apartments — Phokion Karas Photo

Dickson House — Steve Rosenthal Photo

Heaton Court — Clemens Kalischer Photo

32 and 34 Hancock Street — William Owens Photo

Design Excellence in Housing and Neighborhood Facilities

Dickson House, New Vernon, NJ
Crissman and Solomon Architects, Inc.

Shapleigh House, South Dartmouth, MA
Graham Gund Associates, Inc.

Stephen Palmer Apartments, Needham
Anderson Notter Finegold, Inc.

32 and 34 Hancock Street, Boston
James D. McNeely AIA, Architect

Heaton Court, Stockbridge
Goody, Clancy and Associates, Inc.

Mission Park, Mission Hill, Boston
John Sharratt Associates, Inc., Architect
Glaser, DeCastro and Vitols Partnership, Associated Architect

Thompson House, Westford, MA
Massdesign, Architects and Planners, Inc.

Presentation of the Awards will take place at the New England Regional Council Meeting on September 9th.

Members of the Jury were:

Raymond Johnson
Gary Lowe, Registered Architect
Paul Stevenson Oles AIA
Peter Steffian AIA
Walter Winchester
Herman F. Woerner AIA

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News from the Chapter Office

Calendar

September 9
NERC Awards Presentation

September 10
NERC National Board Meeting

October 17
Affiliate Membership Program: "Vanishing Boston" by Robert G. Neiley AIA

November 30
Professional Liability Course sponsored by AIA/NSPE will be offered in Boston

December 16-21
5th World Congress of Engineers and Architects in Israel
(For more information call Chapter office)

Special Programs at HGSD

The Harvard Graduate School of Design Continuing Education Program is offering seven, non-credit, early or late evening seminars in architecture, design and environmental design, planning, solar energy, landscape design, real estate and land use. The courses begin in October 1979 and are held at HGSD in Cambridge. For a detailed brochure and application, please contact: Carol Kort, Special Programs, Gund Hall L-37, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-2578.

Architects Needed

The Greater Lawrence Ecumenical Ministry, the Lawrence Community Day Care Program, and the City of Lawrence are seeking responsible proposals for an architectural feasibility study. For further information, including a detailed description of present building uses and resident program needs, please contact the Lawrence Community Development Office, Rm. 308, City Hall, 200 Common St., Nawrence, MA 01840, 686-7075 no later than Sept. 15, 1979. The contract is expected to be awarded no later than October 1, 1979.

Position Available

Campus planning position for architect at the Facilities Planning Division, N.C. State University. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Contact Robert Allen, Division of Personnel Services, N.C. State University, P. O. Box 5067, Raleigh, N.C. 27650.

Space Available

Furnished space is available for rent in an architectural office at 10 Newbury St. Rental includes air-conditioning, electricity, cleaning and a private office 12'2" x 15'7". Will rent up to 1,000 sq. ft., with skylights, depending on requirements. Contact: Harry Gulesian & Associates, Tel. #262-0150.

Architects Invited

Spencer Sales Company, Inc. are having their 9th annual Cheese Tasting and Open Bar displaying the newest material from the factories they represent at the BAC in Cascieri Hall on Wednesday, October 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

BSA Goes to Washington

The following BSA members are currently serving on national committees:

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George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA

Finance
George M. Notter, Jr., FAIA

Long Range Planning
George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA

Institute Honors Jury
Huson Jackson FAIA

Nominating
Robert S. Sturgis FAIA

Homes for Better Living Jury
Leland Cott AIA

Environmental Education
G. W. Terry Rankine FAIA

Housing Center
Paul J. Carroll AIA
Robert Lynch FAIA
Wendell R. Phillips AIA

Historic Resources
Robert G. Neiley AIA

Architecture for Health
William Spence Black AIA

Architecture for Education
Gail Flynn AIA
Stephen Friedlaender AIA

Architecture for Arts and Recreation
James E. Burlage AIA

Practice and Design
George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA

Codes and Standards
Herbert W. Eisenberg AIA
Kenneth Kruger AIA

Design
Jean Paul Carlhian FAIA
Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA

Urban Planning and Design
Hermann H. Field FAIA
Oscar Padjen AIA
Charles Redmon AIA
Robert S. Sturgis FAIA

Regional Development and Natural Resources
Roger Marshall AIA
John W. Peirce FAIA

Documents
John F. Hayes AIA

Practice Management
Carleton R. Richmond, Jr. AIA
Frank A. Stasiowski AIA

International Practice
Louis A. McMillen FAIA

Architectural Graphic Standards
Jean Paul Carlhian FAIA

Inter Society Color Council
Paul J. Grayson AIA

Architects in Government
Stuart Lesser AIA

Community Assistance
Maurice Finegold AIA
William Haible FAIA
Sarah Harkness FAIA
David R. Johnson AIA